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H. R. 853

To establish the position of Northern Border Coordinator in the Department
of Homeland Security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2003

Ms. SLAUGHTER (for herself, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. WALSH, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mrs. MALONEY, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. BISHOP of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Select Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish the position of Northern Border Coordinator
in the Department of Homeland Security.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. NORTHERN BORDER COORDINATOR.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Homeland Secu-
5 rity Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–296) is amended—

1 (1) in section 402, by redesignating paragraph
2 (8) as paragraph (9) and by inserting after para-
3 graph (7) the following:

4 “(8) Increasing the security of the border be-
5 tween the United States and Canada and the ports
6 of entry located along that border, and improving
7 the coordination among the agencies responsible for
8 maintaining that security.”; and

9 (2) in subtitle C, by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

11 **“SEC. 431. NORTHERN BORDER COORDINATOR.**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be within the Direc-
13 torate of Border and Transportation Security the position
14 of Northern Border Coordinator, who shall be appointed
15 by the Secretary and who shall report directly to the
16 Under Secretary for Border and Transportation Security.

17 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Northern Border Co-
18 ordinator shall be responsible for—

19 “(1) increasing the security of the border, in-
20 cluding ports of entry, between the United States
21 and Canada;

22 “(2) improving the coordination among the
23 agencies responsible for the security described under
24 paragraph (1);

1 “(3) serving as the primary liaison with State
2 and local governments and law enforcement agencies
3 regarding security along the border between the
4 United States and Canada; and

5 “(4) serving as a liaison with the Canadian gov-
6 ernment on border security.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 1(b) of such
8 Act is amended in the table of contents by inserting after
9 the item relating to section 430 the following:

 “Sec. 431. Northern Border Coordinator.”.

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